

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

An element for carrying out and documenting a program or test sequence allows specific functions to be carried out. The element has at least one control input to which an external control signal can be supplied, and a variable can be varied in the element as a function of the external control signal. The process of carrying out a particular function can be varied by the element in such a manner that, when the variable has a specific value ("0") and the external control signal is at a first signal level, the variable assumes a value (not equal to "0") which differs from the specific value; and when the variable is at that specific value and an external control signal which is at the first signal level is once again applied, the variable remains at that specific value.